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Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General has received an application from the Czech Republic for full membership in the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (see annex).

2. By its resolution 1986/66 of 23 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council invited the Secretary-General to encourage the participation of experts on a wider geographical basis. Governments are invited to make available, at the request of the Secretary-General and at their own expense, experts to serve on the Committee.

3. The present membership of the Committee consists of experts from Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

4. The Secretary-General is pleased to approve the application of the Czech Republic for full membership in the Committee and requests the Council's endorsement of that decision.

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Annex

Letter dated 27 August 1998 from the Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe

I am writing you to seek formal membership of the Czech Republic in the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

The Czech Republic pays great attention to the issue of the transport of dangerous goods and the Czech experts are very active in the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. The Czech delegation, for example, actively participated in a successful meeting of the Working Group on 6 (C) Test in Washington, D.C., and its contribution was highly appreciated. At present the Czech Republic has observer status in this Committee, which does not allow full involvement of Czech experts in its work. In order to improve our participation in the decision-making processes I would like to ask you to submit the request of the Czech Republic for membership in the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods to the appropriate United Nations bodies.

I am convinced that the membership of the Czech Republic in the above-mentioned Committee will enable Czech experts to make a valuable contribution to the work of the Committee.

(*Signed*) Miroslav **Somol**
Ambassador